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THE OBSERVATOR.

A Copy of Verſes explaining the Deſigns of the Rebellious Faction in reviving their Paſſive-Obedience. The Tide turns ſtrong upon them. Several of their Seditious Addreſſes rejected, and ſome of their Incendiaries order'd to be proſecuted. The Dependance of the French *Court upon the Faction evident from the* Paris Gazette. *The Neceſſity of a Good Underſtanding and Mutual Charity betwixt True Churchmen and Proteſtant Diſſenters. The preſent Addreſſes of the Faction compared with thoſe in the Reign of King* Charles *and King* James II.

From Saturday, April 8, to Tuesday, April 12 1710.

Country. HEre's a Copy of Lines come to Hand, Mr. *Obſervator.* which, he Author ſays, is the Subſtance of the Declaration drawn up by the Ringleaders of our Rebellious Mobs. and explains what they would be at: The Gentleman adds, that finding it contrary to Reaſon he has turn'd it into Rhime.

Obſ. Let's have 'em, *Roger.*

Country. They are as follows, Maſter.

COme let's revive Laud's *Bleſs'd and Glorious Age,*
That trode down Law, *and made our* Church a (Stage;
With Sundays Masks *adorn'd our* Sovereign's Courts,
And Saobaths ſpent in Paſtimes and in Sports;
Chaſte's'd each Low Church *and* Fanatick Prieſt,
And all Religion turn'd to Form *and* Jeſt;
Preach'd Senates down, *or* ſent them packing Home,
Whene'er they ſtopp'd *us in our* Way to *Rome*,
Rais'd Money without Law, *damn'd* Commons (Rights,
Turn'd off our Lords, *and* multiply'd our Knights;
Sent Wealthy Citizens, *who would not* pay the Loan
To ſerve as Soldiers. *or in* Jails to groan,
And maſſacred the Whigs *in Forty-one.*
Theſe were the Mighty Bleſſings we did gain
When Paſſive Doctrines *did triumphant reign,*
And Pow'r unlimited *drove* Charles's *Wain.*
We rais'd an Army to ſubdue the *Scots,*
Who 'gainſt our Lawleſs Sway *mad* Leagues (and Plots;
While Iriſh Teagues *for* Non-reſiſtance *ſtood,*
And made their Native Land a Field of Blood.
What tho' we loſt a Stafford *and a* Laud,
And Mainwaring by Lords a Cenſure had?
What tho' it did Sword and Confuſion bring,
And made a Glorious Martyr of our King?
We gain'd our Point, reſtor'd his Son at laſt,
Our Penal Laws *'gainſt* Schiſmaticks *were paſt.*
And we drove on to Rome *with Furious haſte.*
What tho' it made our Second *James* to run,
And his Two Daughters have our Cauſe undone,
We'll ſave it ſtill by calling home his Son.
Now, now's the only Time, e'er France *make Peace,*
And once more baniſh thence the Scottiſh *Race:*
Let's then ſtrike home; may James *his Crown recover*
Before it be uſurp'd by Damn'd Hannover.

Obſ. I believe the Gentleman, whoe'er he be, *Roger*, has done the Ringleaders of the Faction no wrong; for it anſwers exactly to the Nature of their former Addreſſes, in the Reigns of King *Charles* and King *James* II. and explains the Meaning of thoſe Seditious Addreſſes, which at preſent they have ſet on Foot in ſo many Parts of the Nation, and in Great Cities too, againſt the Proceedings of Both Houſes of Parliament, which Her Majeſty in Her late moſt Gracious Speech has declar'd *were ſo neceſſary.* Thus our High-Church Addreſſers fly in the Face both of Queen and Parliament, as well as *Sacheverell*, and their other Pulpit Incendiaries, have done: They Liſt themſelves unde the Bloody Flag, which he hung out in his *Political Union* in 1702, as a *Banner of Defiance* againſt our True Churchmen and Proteſtant Diſſenters, and diſplay'd again with ſo much Courage before ſome of his Ringleading Friends in St. *Paul*'s, on the 5th of *November* laſt; and afterwards in the Face of the Queen, Lords and Commons, in *Weſtminſter-hall*, as if he had a mind to make Reprizals upon Her Majeſty for the Glorious Trophies of Her Victories over the *French* King, which are hung up in that ſame Place.

Country. I can call it by no other Name, Mr. *Obſervator*, than a Rebellious Inſult upon Her Majeſty and the Parliament, to caſt ſuch Reflections upon them in their Addreſſes, for their Proceedings againſt a Trumpeter of Rebellion, wherein they take the Boldneſs to direct Her Majeſty to Diſſolve the Preſent Houſe of Commons; tho' Her Majeſty has given them Her *Royal Thanks in a very Particular Manner, for the great Diſpatch which they have made in providing ſo early in the Year ſuch Great and Effectual Supplies for the Publick Service.*

Obſ. The very Reaſon of Her Majeſty's Thanks is the Reaſon of the Factious Hatred to the preſent Houſe of Commons, *Roger*, becauſe, by the Bleſſing of God, it may for ever diſappoint their Hopes of having the Pretender to Reign over them, and bring along with him the Bleſſings of Popery and Slavery, which they are to find of. 'Tis now the Time of the Year when Kings go out to War, when Her Majeſty's Troops, and thoſe of Her Allies, are taking the Field againſt the Pretender's Champion; therefore the Pretender's Church act a very Natural Part in taking the Field at the ſame Time againſt the Queen and Parliament by their Mobs and Addreſſes, to ſee if they can effect that now which they fail'd of during the Seſſion of Parliament, by their Rebellious Sermons, Prayers, and Tumults. You cann't imagine, *Roger*, how much the *French* Court Values themſelves upon thoſe Proceedings of the Faction, and how much they depend upon the Party that appears for *Sacheverell*. This is plain from their laſt *Paris Gazettes*, and particularly that of the 12th of *April*, where in the Article from *London* they tell us what Certain Lords ſaid in order to Nullifie the Proceedings againſt

againſt the Dr. and in that ſame Place they repreſent the Judges, and moſt of our Clergy, to have been on his Side; and talk much of the great Debates this Matter occaſion'd. Now, *Roger*, tho' they who have given the *French* Court this Intelligence have foully miſrepreſented the Matter, yet theſe Accounts keep the Courts of St. *Germains* and *Verſailles* in Heart. The Faction has been very Induſtrious to publiſh every Thing that might confirm their Ultramarine Friends in this Opinion, and particularly the ſeveral Debates and Proteſts in the Houſe of Lords on that Head, with the Reaſons and Names of the Protetters, as well as the Liſt of the Commons, who voted *Pro* and *Con* on that Subject; upon which the ſilly Faction value themſelves publickly in Coffee-houſes, and elſewhere, boaſt of ſo many great Lords, Biſhops, and Commons, of their Side, as they call it; and hence they take the Boldneſs to reflect on the Proceedings againſt their Inſignificant Tool of a Party, and on Her Majeſty's Speech, of which their Clergy, and others, ſpeak publickly in a very Diſreſpectful and Seditious Manner.

Countrym. I hope, Mr. *Obſervator*, the Houſe of Lords will enquire who it is that has given Copies of their Proceedings to be Printed without their Order, eſpecially ſince they are made uſe of to ſuch Seditious Purpoſes; and that the Commons will enquire who it is that contrary to their Vote, has made Bold to Print any Thing of their Proceedings on that Subject; and ſo much the rather, that thoſe who voted againſt *Sacheverell* are by this Means expoſed to be Waylaid and Murder'd by his and the Pretender's Mob.

Obſ. We muſt leave thoſe Things, *Roger*, to the Wiſdom of the Government and Both Houſes. In the mean Time I can tell you very good News, that the Tide turns apace againſt the Pretenders Churchmen; their Brutiſh Fury has only ſerv'd to Blacken and Expoſe them: We have a very Loyal Addreſs agreed on by the Honourable Lieutenancy of *London* in Oppoſition to their Seditious Addreſſes. The City of *Glocester*, where One of the Managers of the Houſe of Commons was inſulted by ſome of *Sacheverell*'s Mob, have, to teſtifie their Approbation of what was done againſt that Incendiary by our Noble Patriots, preſented that Manager, and another Honeſt Gentleman, with the Freedom of their City. The pretended *Glocesterſhire* Addreſs was Surreptitiouſly obtain'd, and can by no Means be call'd that of the County. Seditious Addreſſes which were repreſented at the Aſſizes of *Surrey* and *Shrewsbury* have been rejected by conſiderable Majorities; and one *Tovd*, a Nonjurant, and others, who aſſembled in a Riotous and Seditious Manner at the Aſſizes of the latter are order'd to be Proſecuted; by all which it appears, that when the Revolution Party think fit to exert themſelves, they can with very little Difficulty blow the Pretender's High-Church Faction off the Stage.

Countrym. I am ſure they have good Reaſon to exert themelves, Maſter; for we ſee by the Libels of *Sacheverell*, and the reſt of the Faction, that our True Churchmen, who are the higheſt of any in conforming themſelves to the Doctrine, Diſcipline, Worſhip, and Government, of our Church, yet becauſe they are againſt Perſecution, Rebellious Mobs and Seditions, are as much the Object of the Pretended Churchmens Hatred as the moſt Rigid Diſſenters, and they and their Brethren, the Papiſts, who join in the Inſolent Rebellious Tumults, would bring them as ſoon to the Stake and the Gallows as any Diſſenter in *England*. Witneſs their Treatment of the Lord Biſhop of *Sarum*, and Mr. *Hoadly*, who both have writ in the Defence of the Church againſt Diſſenters; yet if our High fliers had Power anſwerable to their Malice, they would burn the Diſſenters and them too, as their Predeceſſors did the Biſhops *Ridley* and *Hooper*, tho' the former was for the Ceremonies, and the latter againſt them.

Obſ. That ſhews the Neceſſity, *Roger*, of continuing and improving the Chriſtian Charity and Brotherly Correſpondence which by Good Providence has begun betwixt our True Churchmen and Proteſtant Diſſenters ſince the Act of Toleration, and their Joining together to advance Piety and Reformation of Manners, which has made thoſe Societies an Object of Fury to *Sacheverell* and others of the Faction. They know that a good Harmony and Mutual Charity among Proteſtants of all Denominations will be Fatal to the Pretender's Cauſe, therefore they have hung out *the Bloody Flag and Banner of Defiance* againſt Moderate Churchmen and Diſſenters, in order to ſet Proteſtants together by the Ears; but this ſhould teach us on the contrary to obſerve the Apoſtle's Rule, and though we differ in Circumſtantials, yet *whereto we have already attain'd, we ſhould walk by the ſame Rule, and mind the ſame Thing*; though all our Attainments be not alike, we ſhould *conſider one another, to provoke unto Love and Good Works*, as (Bleſſed be God) has been practic'd with ſo much Succeſs by True Churchmen and Diſſenters in promoting the Common Intereſt of Chriſtianity. That's the Speedieſt and Sureſt Way to reconcile our leſſer Differences, or at leaſt to remove the Poiſon of them, till all Chriſtians come to ſuch a Happy Temper as to make the Word of God, and not the Model of any Particular Church, the Center and Standard of their Union.

Countrym. There was never more need of that than at preſent, Maſter, when the Pretender's Churchmen and Papiſts are carrying on Addreſſes of the ſame Nature as they did in the Reigns of King *Charles* and King *James* II. againſt thoſe Houſes of Commons who would have ſecured us from Popery and Slavery; and particularly an Addreſs from *Cornwall* in 1682, if I remember right, wherein they told the King, *That what they promis'd in a* Black Character, *they ſhould be ready* to perform in Red. which was juſt the ſame with *Sacheverell*'s Bloody Flag that the Faction have of late diſplay'd ſo broad. But more of this, next Opportunity, Maſter.

Advertiſement.

Juſt Publiſh'd,

DR. Sacheverell's Speech upon his Impeachment at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, with Reflections thereupon, Paragraph by Paragraph; wherein the Charge of the Commons againſt him is fully juſtify'd from his Sermons at St. Paul's, Nov. 5th, and at Derby, Aug. 15th, 1709. his Faſt-Sermon at Oxford, June 10, 1702. his Political Union Printed there; his Aſſize-Sermon at Oxford, March 9th, 1703. his Character of a Low-Churchman, and his Rights of the Church of England. To which are added, Her Preſent Majeſty's Letter, when Princeſs to the Queen. Prince George's and the Lord Churchill's (now Duke of Marlborough) Letters to King James; together with the Aſſociation of the Nobility and Gentry at Exeter, as likewiſe of thoſe at Nottingham, with whom Her Preſent Majeſty join'd. With the Picture of Sacheverell' Inward Man, drawn by himſelf to the Life; and Sir Roger L'Eſtrange's Fable of the Trumpeter. Sold by B. Bragge in Pater-Noſter-Row. Price 6 d.

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